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10.	JINDAL V. NAGA ST. LTD. (Bellary, Karnataka)	COREX-BOF HRC	15.70 HSM:Commissioned	4138.00 Corex-1: Mar, 98 Corex-2: Sep, 98.	Under Impln. (Aug,97) SMS:Jun, 98 Pellet:Dec, 98.
11.	SOUTHERN I & S CO. LTD. (Salem, Tamil Nadu)	BF-EOF B & R, WR (BF & SP Commissioned in July, 96/Aug, 97, producing pig iron)	3.00 (SMS Cap:2.2 LTPA)	700.00	Under Impln. SMS:Mar,98 HRM:Sep,98
12.	SJK STEEL CORP. LTD. (Anantpur, AP)	BF-BOF BAR/WR	4.00 (SMS Cap:2.88 LTPA)	636.00	Under Impln. Apr. 98
13.	KUMAR MET. CORP. LTD. (Nalgonda, AP)	EAF WR	1.25	146.00	Under Impln. March, 98
14.	ISPAT INDUSTRIES LTD. (Raigad, Maharashtra)	EAF HRC (Cold trails of Hot Strip Mill reportedly started)	30.00	4792.00	Under Impln. Ph-I: Dec, 97 Ph-II: Jul, 98
15.	BELLARY S & A LTD. (Bellary, Karnataka)	BF-BOF LP	4.10	891.00	Under Impln. Oct, 1998.
16.	USHA ISPAT LIMITED (Satara, Maharashtra)	BF-BOF LP	6.00	1425.00	Under Impln. May, 99
17.	NEELACHAL ISPAT N. LTD (Daitari, Orissa)	BF-BOF Billets/WR (+4.9 l tpa pig iron)	6.20	1510.00	Under Impln. PI: Oct, 1998 Steel: Oct, 1999
Total			116.35	22392.42	

Introduction of Freight Services

429. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is evaluating two proposals from the private sector for introducing specialised freight services through road railers and piggy back system;

(b) if so, the impact of these proposals in tapping new avenues for freight traffic now going by road; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These services are expected to divert high rated general goods traffic from road to rail besides generating additional traffic.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with M/s Kiroloskar Pneumatic Co. Ltd. (KPCL), Pune for the introduction of Road Railers. An MOU for introduction of Piggy Back System is to be signed with M/s Sanghi Filaments Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad.

Budgetary Allocation for Social Sector Programmes

430. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to cut its budgetary allocation for various social sector programmes of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government had earlier proposed to double the outlay for rural development in the Ninth Plan; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made to ensure that the programmes aimed at employment and income generation for people below the poverty are not hit by the curtailment of funds?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The budget has come under severe stress on account of a number of post budget development including Government's decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commissions. It, therefore, became imperative to undertake a review of